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Amendment with submission of a Request
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37 C.F.R. 1.114

PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 16869K-040510US

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takanori Nishio et al.

Application No.: 10/717,341

Filed: November 18, 2003

For: OPERATION METHOD OF
STORAGE AND STORAGE AND
REMOTE STORAGE USED THEREIN

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8188

Examiner: Midys Rojas

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2185

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This Amendment is with submission of a Request for Continued Examination [RCE] under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.